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SUBJECT: FURTHER RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RESETTLEMENT
ASSISTANCE OF CERTAIN DETAINEES FROM GUANTANAMO

REF: A. 05 MUSCAT 1846

[B](#). 05 STATE 215195

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires William R. Stewart.

Reason: 1.4 (b, d).

[1](#)1. (C) Subsequent to the Ambassador's December 5 meeting with MFA Under Secretary Sayyid Badr al-Busaidi concerning the USG request for Omani assistance in resettling up to 15 Uighur detainees from Guantanamo (ref A), the Embassy reiterated the ref B request and background information to the Ministry in a written communication. On January 4, Humaid al-Maani, Deputy Chief of the MFA Under Secretary's Office, contacted Pol/Econ Chief in response to the written communication.

[1](#)2. (C) Having taken the USG request under further review, al-Maani informed the Embassy that the Sultanate saw no way it could accommodate the Uighurs in a manner consistent with Omani law and obligations and therefore must decline the request. Al-Maani underscored the Sultanate's high regard for its mutually supportive bilateral relationship with the U.S., and regretted Oman could not be assistance in this particular instance.

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